



**FOREFATHER'S DAY**—Tuesday's Macfarlane Memorial Regatta is an annual remembrance to Walter J. Macfarlane, inset, who was president of the Outrigger Canoe Club and one of the guiding fathers of the sport of canoe racing in Hawaii. He died in 1943.

## The Macfarlane Regatta In Honor of 'Walter Mac'

There will be more than fireworks exploding at Waikiki Beach on Tuesday when eight of Hawaii Canoe Racing Association's top clubs square off in one of the most prestigious events of the season—the Walter J. Macfarlane Memorial Regatta.

"Walter Mac" would have given anything to be there," remarked one grizzled old-time canoe paddler. "While he was alive (Macfarlane died in 1943) canoe racing and surfing were his greatest loves. Walter would have enjoyed seeing how well he is being remembered."

The 24-event competition begins at 9 a.m. fronting the Moana Hotel, with Healani,



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Hui Lanakila, Hui Nalu, Kailua, Koolau, Lanikai, Outrigger and Waikiki Surf canoe clubs participating. Sponsoring Outrigger CC is the defending champion and has won the past four Macfarlane regattas.

"THE MacFARLANE regatta is a surfing event and the ability of the steersman to

surf the waves will play an important part in winning," said Jeffrey Kissel, who heads OCC's canoe racing program.

"Ideally, we'd like to see small waves—from two to three feet—with little, or no, wind. There will be some pretty expensive koa canoes racing and we sure don't want them breaking up."

Rivalry between Hui Nalu and OCC goes back many years and will be hotter than a firecracker on this Independence Day. This season, the two clubs have been swapping regatta wins.

"Outrigger won the first regatta by three points and Hui Nalu beat them in the second regatta by five points," said Fred Hemmings, Jr., an ex-OCC paddler who is now the Hui Nalu Canoe Club's team captain.

"BUT LAST Sunday at Waimanalo OCC bounced back to nip us by a single point. That's how the competition has been between us. It's been dynamic!"

Although the Hui Nalu senior men's team is paddling along undefeated this season,

according to Hemmings, the club's real strength is one of consistency.

"Steering, plus the luck of the lane draw, will be the major factors on Tuesday," Hemmings added. "Hui Nalu is a family-oriented club, one that has a lot of pride. We've really jelled as a team. I feel that the Macfarlane regatta is very much up for grabs."

Nat Norfleet, OCC's head coach, feels, like Hemmings, that his team's strength is pretty much spread out, but with the women and young paddlers contributing most toward OCC's successes.

"SURE WE expect it to be close with Hui Nalu. We wouldn't want it any other way," said Norfleet. "Our crews are improving each week. Even our senior mens crew is showing signs of progress. I think OCC will be very competitive in all events. And besides, we expect the waves to work to our advantage."

While most rural canoe clubs are busy selling sweet bread, Chinese seeds and are soliciting friends for

donations to make ends meet, OCC, by comparison, is paddling along in luxury.

According to Kissel, who was very careful not to expound on this club's well being, OCC has approximately 200 paddlers and 12 coaches in their canoe racing program.

In addition to its wealth of paddling talent, OCC has five koa canoes (three of them are used for racing) plus, six, or more, fiberglass outriggers that are used for training.

"WE TRY TO start our young paddlers out early—at nine or 10 years old," said Kissel, who competes in the senior mens novice events. "And at the other end of the age group scale, we plan to revive the 50-and-Over division, an event that was discontinued several years ago."

Kissel was reluctant to talk about OCC's training program, or their racing techniques. "There are certain things that are sacred," he explained, "and canoe racing secrets are one of them. Gamesmanship plays an important part in our sport."

Turning quickly to fishing, Hawaii Freshwater Fishing Association lost one of its founding members when Dick Roudebush, formerly of Ewa, moved to San Jose, Calif. last week.

"I'll miss Wahiawa's Lake Wilson and its great fishing," said Roudebush, who ended his seventh straight year as HFFA's president.

"I've spent many fond hours fishing the lake, but one good thing may come of my move. I've studied the area around San Jose and there appears to be ample bass fishing nearby."

Roudebush made his mark at Lake Wilson when he landed the lake's heaviest bass—a seven-pound, 2½-ounce fish last New Year's Day. He also holds the club record for the heaviest tucanare—a six-pounder which he caught five years ago. Roudebush, HFFA's current club champion, will be sorely missed.

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